

RUSSIA APOLOGIZES TO SWEDEN FOR BREACH IN NAVAL BATTLE

Czar's Government Explains Violation of Neutrality in Throwing Shell Within Restricted Sea Area in Baltic.

PETROGRAD, July 3.—Sweden has complained to the Petrograd Foreign Office that her neutrality was violated by the Russian squadron in the recent naval battle of the island of Gotland, in the Baltic Sea.

The Russian Government has expressed its regret and given positive assurance that it intends to observe Swedish neutrality strictly.

In its reply to the Swedish protest, Russia attributes the fact that a shell dropped in Swedish territorial waters to the fact that weather was foggy and hindered accurate firing.

A statement, issued by the Foreign Office in the matter today says: "The Swedish Minister at Petrograd has communicated to the Imperial Government that during Friday's battle near the island of Gotland, when Russian ships were pursuing a German warship, a shell fell over the Swedish island of Oestergarn and fell in the water about 200 yards from shore.

"The Minister, in the name of his Government, protests against what he considers a violation of Swedish neutrality. At the same time the Minister informed the Imperial Government that steps had been taken by the Swedish Government regarding the firing of the German warship which went ashore on Gotland and the internment of its crew in Sweden.

"The Imperial Government has expressed its sincere regret to the Swedish Government for dropping a shell in its territorial waters, explaining that, according to the report of the admiral commanding the Baltic fleet, the incident could have been caused by a shell falling at the spot where the light occurred, which hindered accurate firing.

"The Swedish Minister at the same time received the most positive assurance of the Russian intention strictly to observe Swedish neutrality.

"The following facts regarding the battle show that the falling of a shell in Swedish territorial waters could only have been the result of an unfortunate accident independent of any one's will.

"The naval fight between our cruisers and a detachment of German ships consisting of a cruiser of the Augsburg type, a light cruiser and three destroyers, began Friday at 8.30 a. m. at a distance of 23 leagues from the coast.

"Owing to the foggy weather, visibility during the fight was greatly restricted. The dense fog sometimes hid the outlines of the hostile ships, hindering accuracy of fire.

"When, half an hour after the fight began, the cruiser of the Augsburg class, profiting by its speed, fled southward, the torpedo boats assisting the Albatross emitted clouds of smoke, thus hiding the ship which was serving as a target on the sea.

"The Albatross, toward 9 a. m., made several turns, lowered its flag and steamed toward the coast. Our ships' guns immediately ceased the fire.

"About this time the fog lifted somewhat and the veil of smoke from the torpedo boats, artificially produced by means of special appliances, was also dispersed. This made it possible for our ships to see their position—six leagues from Oestergarn Lighthouse. They approached no nearer during the fight.

"If in the course of the battle shells fell near shore it could only have been a case of accidental ricochet, either by our artillery or that of the Germans."

CHESTER WHEAT GOOD

Crop That Did Not Look Promising Is Late, But Excellent.

WEST CHESTER, July 3.—Wheat harvest is two weeks late in Chester County this season, but the crop is expected to prove one of the best for years.

In some districts the grain is somewhat late, but the heads are generally well filled, and the grain is ripened well.

Early in the season most of the fields showed a thin growth, but later filled out and matured well.

Usually July 3 marks the opening of the wheat season, but little grain will be cut for another week.

Hay is being harvested in many fields, and the crop, both of clover and timothy, is fine.

Much alfalfa is being grown, the farmers having learned the value of a crop that gives three cuttings each season and also furnishes much pasture.

Suffragists Lead Parade

LANCASTER, Pa., July 3.—Following the order adopted by the General Partisan Committee last week, electing the suffragists from the Independence Day parade, the advocates of "votes for women" met in secret session and planned for action.

CITY CAMPAIGN OPENING DELAYED FOR A WEEK

Lack of Nomination Petitions Causes Postponement.

The official opening of the municipal campaign which will end with the November election was delayed a week today by the lack of nomination petitions.

It was said at the office of the County Commissioners that they would not be ready for several days, having not yet received from the printers.

Blame for the delay was placed by the Commissioners on Governor Brumbaugh's delay in announcing his action on the McNichol election bill.

The law requires that 100 signatures be obtained for the petition for every office to be filled in Philadelphia.

It is now said in Republican Organization circles that Judge William H. Shoemaker is to follow Judge D. Webster Dougherty and Judge Morris D. Lelick, and has "dropped" by the Organization chiefs.

Judge Shoemaker was appointed by Governor Brumbaugh. At the time of his appointment it was said that the Governor, who also appointed Thomas D. Winkler, Penrose, the vacant Commonwealth Pleas bench, had the assurance of the Organization leaders that Judge Shoemaker would receive Organization support when he came before the voters next fall.

Senator George T. Oliver, through his newspaper, the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times, asserts that the Vares, backed by Governor Brumbaugh, are seeking to unhorse Senator Penrose as the Republican leader in this State.

The article says that although at times there has been a working agreement between the Vares and the "drop" in the Republican Philadelphia leaders are waiting for the first opportunity to get Senator Penrose's scalp.

The Governor, the article continues, hopes to get the Pennsylvania delegation to the next Republican National Convention by helping the Vares.

Harry Keller, of Bellefonte, has dropped out of the race for Judge in Centre County, this year. Dr. Henry C. Quiley, J. Kennedy Johnston and N. B. Spangler are circulating petitions. The present occupant, Judge E. L. Orvis, has not yet entered the contest.

PICNIC "GANG" BEATS MAN

"Gander Hill Trunk" Men Arrested. Other Crimes.

A squad of park guards and two district detectives were needed to subdue five members of the "Gander Hill trunk gang" early today after Edward Donegan, of 74 North 27th street, was attacked at the Green Street entrance to Fairmount Park.

Donegan, who was robbed of \$4.50, was badly beaten that Park Guard Hanna, who found him unconscious near the Washington monument, sent him to the Garretson Hospital to be treated for bruises.

Hanna called out Guards Calahan, Pinkerton, Morrison, Tole and Armstrong and District Detectives Kelly and Anbel, who ran to the G.-m street entrance.

There they found the men. A sharp fight followed, and a passing automobile party, alarmed by the noise, summoned more guards.

The men arrested are Frank Wrigley, 1321 North Hope street, recently released from the county prison on a conviction of larceny; James McCulligan, 242 Wallace street; Joseph Kelly, 227 Wallace street; Anthony Dietz, 124 Newkirk street; and Joseph Lyons, 218 Wallace street.

A hold-up man knocked down and severely beat Mrs. Naomi Parker, 252 East Horter street, yesterday, in an effort to snatch her handbag. The woman screamed and fought off the man, who finally ran away without anything.

Other robberies were perpetrated yesterday in the absence of persons on holiday picnics and outings. In one instance thieves drove up to a drygoods store with a big van and cleaned out the place, securing \$400 worth of stock.

Goods ranging from a spool of cotton to a taxicab were obtained by holiday robbers.

Prominent residents of Chestnut Hill entered complaints which resulted in the arrest of Frank Superior, Crawford, Pa., who was taken to the Germantown police station today, accused of having collected money for the Chestnut Hill Athletic Club baseball team when he did not represent the club.

William Hild, of West Chestnut avenue, was one of the victims.

The police in the northeastern section of the city have begun a careful search for the "firebug" who is believed to have started at least 20 incendiary fires in Kensington. The similarity in fires has convinced the police that they are the work of the same man.

The fire was usually started in unoccupied houses by igniting waste paper sprayed with kerosene. The last fire was the first on Sunday night at 222 North 31st street.

James A. Burns, a seaman from the Philadelphia Navy Yard, died early today from opium poisoning in the Naval Hospital, 26th and Gray's Ferry roads.

The Government authorities notified the coroner, but said they would investigate further the cause of the man's death. Burns spent the Saturday evening in a Chinatown restaurant with two other sailors and three girls, the police say.

Theodore Kane, 46 years old, of 281 West Coulter street, an elevator boy at the Delmar Morris Apartments, was held in jail for court today, accused of falling in from a high window of the building collected from wealthy Germantown residents, to an invalid washwoman for whom he acted as agent.

The police today are looking for thieves who took two automobiles, one belonging to Dr. C. A. Bigler, 204 North 13th street, and the other belonging to John S. Stevens, of Rydal, Pa. Doctor Bigler's car was taken from in front of the Bellevue-Stratford while Stevens' disappeared from Ransstead street west of 2d.

Wisconsin Wants Better Policing Better police and fire protection will be the principal demands of the Wisconsin Improvement Association at its monthly meeting tonight. The committee recently appointed for public improvement of the section will report. An address will be made by Joseph E. James, secretary of the school board, and a plea will be made for beautifying the school property by the addition of numerous trees. A discussion of the sewer system will be held and the committee on this subject will urge the laying of sewers on all city streets.

LOYAL WIDOW FIGHTS FOR HUSBAND'S HONOR; HAS BANKER ARRESTED

Honeybrook Woman Charges Cashier With Libel for Writing Check She Says Accused Former Employee of Embezzlement.

By a Staff Correspondent COATESVILLE, Pa., July 3.—A grave at Brandywine Manor, near Honeybrook, Pa., contains the body of a man whose wife is waging a fight to protect his name from dishonor.

All Honeybrook is talking about it, as are the farmers of all that fertile valley lying between the Welsh Mountains and the Barren Hills in Chester County. At the postoffice the citizens gather to talk about it and one man steps another along the marketplace main street to argue the issue.

What, they ask, is written on the \$100 check that P. G. Hartman, cashier of the First National Bank of Honeybrook, mailed to Mrs. Catherine Whitman of Churchtown? And what has become of the money that has leaked from the old greenstone bank across the street from the history where "Mad Anthony" Wayne once lodged?

The first question probably will be answered Thursday at Lancaster, when a hearing will be held in the criminal libel proceedings which Mrs. George Lincoln Ramsey, of Honeybrook, widow of the late assistant cashier of the bank, is pressing against Hartman.

The second question may never be answered. One phase of it was thrashed out in Philadelphia last December, when the United States District Court acquitted Ramsey of a charge of embezzlement. Vindicated in the eyes of his friends, he returned to his native town, his health impaired, and, after a lingering illness, died of a broken heart, his friends assert.

WIDOW ACCUSES HARTMAN

Mrs. Ramsey charges that Hartman, in settling one of the claims against the bank arising from the alleged embezzlement, committed a libel against her dead husband by writing on the check words to the effect that it was in payment for money embezzled by Ramsey.

The check was mailed to Mrs. Whitman, at Churchtown, who, instead of depositing it in Honey Brook, gave it to William McCaa to deposit in the Blue Bank of Philadelphia. A majority of the directors on the check reached the widow's friends and a warrant was obtained for Hartman's arrest Friday.

He was held in \$500 bail by Justice of the Peace Reese H. White.

"I am not worrying," said Hartman. "I wouldn't be so foolish as to write a libel on the check." Further than that officials of the bank will not divulge the exact words on the check, which is now deposited in a vault in the bank.

"My husband was not only prosecuted, but persecuted," said Mrs. Ramsey, "and as he is not able to speak for himself I will defend him as long as I live." The controversy, which has divided the 50 inhabitants of the prosperous little town, had its origin in 1912, when an "shake-up" occurred in the personnel of the bank.

John A. Lemmon, who died this spring, and whose father, the late Samuel Lemmon, was president and one of the founders nearly 50 years ago. Hartman was elected to succeed Cashier Finger, who resigned on account of ill health after a service of many years.

The Board of directors, of which the late John S. Slichter and Nathan Rambo.

RAMSEY IN BANK 22 YEARS. Friction resulted between Hartman and Ramsey, who had been an employe of the bank for 22 years and whose friends maintained he should have succeeded Finger.

It resulted in the dismissal of Ramsey and an investigation by bank examiners of the shortage which had prevailed through a series of years—an amount never made public, but variously estimated at between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Ramsey, long a trustee of the Presbyterial Church, treasurer of the Sunday school and secretary of the school board, was indicted. The trial before Judge Dickinson, in Philadelphia December 27, was attended by at least 60 prominent Honeybrook citizens as witnesses.

Much of the evidence was given out of court and Ramsey returned, not in triumph, but a sick man. He was taken to the University Hospital, underwent an operation and went home to die April 23. He was 54 years old.

The old wounds, which time promised to heal, were reopened through the check episode. The bank, with its capital stock of \$100,000 and surplus of \$71,000, is behind its cashier, and Mrs. Ramsey has her friends.

Woman Falls Dead Evading Hubby. NORRISTOWN, Pa., July 3.—Amanda Notley, 54 years old, the mother of three children, fell dead in her home in Lansdale early this morning from excitement caused by her husband, Frank Notley, coming home late and trying to force his way into her bedroom.

Coroner McGlathery made an investigation and found that Mrs. Notley, not wanting to meet her husband, had fled from her room to the roof of the, water-in-law, where she died from heart disease.

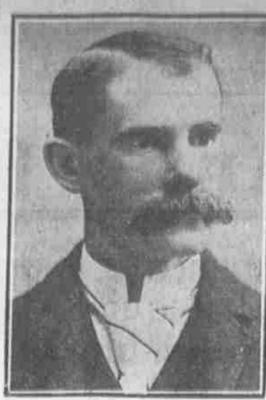
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PHONE MEN COMPLAIN AGAINST WOMAN'S LAW

Ask State Board to Split One Day Off in Seven, to Better Service.

An effort to obtain a modification of the "woman's law," recently approved by Governor Brumbaugh, was made today by representatives of the independent telephone companies of this State, who argued their side of the question before the Industrial Board of the Department of Labor and Industry at the Colonnade Hotel.

Senator Joseph Thompson, representing the independent companies, explained that his clients objected to that part of the law giving women employes one day in every seven a complete day of rest, pointing out that if the equivalent rest could be given on two days the companies would be enabled to employ fewer operators and devote more capital to maintenance of efficient service.

Miss Florence E. Pierce and Miss Mary McConnell, representing the Consumers' League, requested a careful consideration of this matter, the latter asserting that she had positive proof that some of the independent companies of the State have knowingly violated the law limiting one day's work to 10 hours for women employes.

She intimated that they also would attempt to violate the "split-holiday" provision and would be able to do so with little difficulty.

The second objection Senator Thompson raised was against counting night service, from 11:30 p. m. to 5:30 a. m., as a part of the 54 hours a week women employes are allowed to work under the law in exchange for night calls average less than six.

H. G. Sanderson, a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Independent Telephone Company, and manager of the Paupac Telephone Company, showed that in small exchanges giving all-night service the operators enjoy virtually unbroken rest, most of them having but one or two calls to answer each night.

PROSSIMA ROTTURA DIPLOMATICA TRA ITALIA E TURCHIA

Un Formidabile Esercito Italiano Si Stringe Attorno alla Principale Fortezza Austriaca sul Fronte dell'Isonzo.

ROMA, 6 Luglio. Un telegramma da Berlino dice che giunge colà notizia che i consoli italiani in Turchia stanno partendo a poco a poco e che anche il personale dell'Ambasciata italiana a Costantinopoli, partirà forse presto per l'Italia.

La protezione degli interessi italiani sarà affidata all'Ambasciata degli Stati Uniti, meno par la Palestina dove l'Ambasciata di Spagna assumerà la protezione degli interessi italiani.

Da Losanna, Svizzera, si ha che gli italiani stanno di fronte bombardando le posizioni fortificate austriache al Passo dello Stelvio e che molti alberghi eleganti di quella regione alpina sono stati distrutti.

LA CAVALERIA A GORIZIA. Notizie non ufficiali giunte qui a Roma circa le operazioni di guerra sul fronte dell'Isonzo dicono della lenta ma continua avanzata delle truppe italiane.

Secondo queste notizie alcuni reparti di cavalleria sono giunti persino a Gorizia, riuscendo a penetrare nella città e quindi a ritirarsi dopo aver subito perdite assai leggere.

Gli italiani hanno eseguito un altro passaggio del fiume Isonzo. Un violento duello di artiglieria è impegnato in Val d'Astico, nelle vicinanze del Lago di Garda. Gli italiani sono anche giunti nelle vicinanze di Mori in forze considerevoli ed alcuni distaccamenti di Bersaglieri sono giunti per lo ad entrare nella cittadina.

In questi circoli militari non si nutre alcun dubbio che reparti di cavalleria siano riusciti a penetrare nella città di Gorizia, non una sola ma parecchie volte negli ultimi dieci giorni e vi è anche ragione di credere che la cavalleria italiana sia riuscita ad effettuare un nuovo passaggio del fiume Isonzo nelle immediate vicinanze della città di Gorizia.

I cannoni italiani sono ora piazzati sul monte Javoski, a circa due miglia e mezzo da Plezzo.

La grande linea di fortificazioni che va dal Lago di Garda alle montagne del Cadore, che fa di questa linea una specie di Dardanelli, è ora impegnata in combattimenti di artiglieria, ma il fuoco più intenso si ha nella Val d'Astico che è ricca di cannoni. Un duello di particolare violenza si svolge tra il forte Belvedere e le batterie italiane di Campo Follon, ma finora nessuno degli avversari è riuscito ad ottenere vantaggi considerevoli, nonostante che al combattimento da una ventina di giorni.

Sulla strada da Ala a Mori gli italiani si sono spinti un po' più a ad ovest di Serravalle, che è a circa due miglia e mezzo da Mori. Questa cittadina sarà caduta nelle mani degli italiani, questi avranno tagliato la sola ferrovia che mette in comunicazione Rovereto con Riva.

Un plotone di Alpini è penetrato in Mori partendo da Brentonico, si dice. Siccome le difese della cittadina sono nelle montagne vicine, gli Alpini non trovarono difficoltà nell'abitato. Gli Alpini comandati da un sottotenente, percorsero la via del borgo invitando la popolazione a gridare Viva l'Italia. Poi si fermarono per riposarsi nella piazza ed infine si ritirarono. Non appena fuori dell'abitato, gli Alpini furono fatti bersaglio a parecchi colpi a shrapnel dal forti austriaci, ma essi si sparatarono in un attimo e ritornarono alla loro base.

GERMAN SUBMARINE BLOCKADE TIGHTENS

Two Monster U-Boats Launched Each Week—British Shipping Losses Great.

By CARL W. ACKERMAN BERLIN, July 3.—Germany's submarine ring around the British Isles is rapidly growing tighter. Every week the Admiralty is launching two monster U-boats, with sufficient power and supplies to cross the Atlantic. Reliable reports to Admiral von Tirpitz indicate that the high tonnage taken by the submarines in the last fortnight is striking terror to the hearts of English ship owners.

Not more than half the vessels destroyed by German submarines are reported in the English press. According to careful estimates made here the loss to English shipping in the last two months has averaged \$1,000,000 a week. And the German newspapers print long lists each week of the submersible victims under the headline: "Toll of Tireless U-Boats."

The public realizes that many of the vessels are only small fishing smacks of no great value. But by wiping out these fishing craft the submarine crews are gradually removing England's best defense against submarine attacks. Not only have the fishermen given warning of the presence of U-boats, but in at least one instance, that of the U-11, they have jammed and sunk one of Germany's "unterseeboots."

The success of the "submarine blockade" is proved, according to German naval authorities, by the rise in price of foodstuffs in both Great Britain and France. The only English ask here is "How long can Italian shipowners stand the drain?"

The submarine is perhaps the most popular arm of Germany's war forces. The people speak of the "unterseeboots" as "our U-boats," and feel a personal pride in the exploits. Commander Otto Weddigen, who went down with the U-29, is one of Germany's greatest war heroes.

Secretary of Brickmakers' Union Shot

CHICAGO, July 3.—Charles H. Johnson, financial secretary of the Brickmakers' Union, was shot twice and probably fatally wounded today in the front hallway of his home. The brickmakers are involved in the big labor dispute here and detectives are working on the theory that the attack upon Johnson was connected in some way with these troubles.

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